A TRUE

NARRATIVE

OF THE

CONFESSION

AND

EXECUTION

Of the seven Prisoners

AT

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On *Fryday* the 19th of this Instant *December* 1679.

Viz. John Parker to be Drawn and Hang'd for High Treason, *Benjamin Penneny* for Robbing on the High-way, *Francis Adkins* for picking of Pockets, *John Dell* and *Richard Dean* For stealing a Mare, and *Susan White* and *Deborah Rogers* for Felony. With the manner of their Facts by them Committed.

AT the Sessions holden at the *Old-Bayly*, on *Wednesday* the 10th of this instant *December*, and ended on *Saturday* the 13th. There were 11 miserable Offenders that Received Sentence of Death, but the never failing mercy of our Gracious Prince out of his tender Compassion to his [illegible] Subjects, Graciously Reprieved 17 of them, the rest being 7 suffered on *Fryday* the 19th. following

The first in this faral Catastrophy was *John Parker* a Watch-maker formerly living in *Redlion-Court* in *Fleet-street*, who being Indicted for High Treason, was Arraigned and found Guilty of the same, it being prov'd against him, that he had for many years counterfeited the Currant and lawful Coin of *England*, stamping Adulterated Mettals, as Brass, Block Tin, Copper and the like

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and after Guilding, put it off to the full vallue of the true and lawful Coin, bearing the proportionable, as Mill'd half-Crowns Crowns, Brummijum Groats, Broad Gold and Guinnies but that which was most admirable, was his taking out the C's from between the Bars of Mill'd Shillings, and engraving *Scepters* in the Room of them, that when double Guilded, they might well deceive a skilful Mony-Monger, with these he used to ride into the Country, and there put them away, especially into *Buckingham*-shire, where it was proved he did distribute many, he also did extend his Art to the making several sorts of Forraign Coins as *Duccatoons*, pieces of *Eight* and the like, these several false monies with a basket of his Tools, *viz.* his flask refining pots and Stamps, being shewed in open Court the Fellony and Treason being proved against him he received the dreadful Sentence *To return from whence he came, and thence to be drawn upon a Hurdle to the place of Execution, there to be half strangled, his Privities Cut off, his Bowels to be burnt his Head severed from his Body, and his Quarters to be disposed of as his Majesty pleased*, on this day the same was put in Execution, his Repentance was well as beseemed a Christian, behaving himself meekly and submissive, as well in Prison, as at the place of Execution, shewing by many Emblems a hearty sorrow for his Crimes, and much bewailing his mis-spent time, advising all, even to the last moment of his Life, to be cautious in their ways, and not to be tempted with Desires of such unlawful Gain, lest they like him, should bring themselves to the like painful and shameful end.

The next was *Benjamin Pennery*, a notorious High-way-man, having for a long time followed those unlawful Enterprises, at last intangled in the Snares of Justice, was justly brought to suffer for his Crimes, for he in the Company of three more setting upon a Coach upon *Bagshot-Heath*, in *Bark-shire*, wherein was one Captain *Palmer* and three or four Gentlewomen, at their first coming up they fired into the Coach, and shot the said Captain through the Arm, after rifling him and his Company, yet got no greater Booty, than two or three half-shirts, some other necessary Linnen; a Pistol, and forty Shillings in mony, the Shirts and Pistol being sometime after offered by *Penneries* wife to Sail, were known, and she apprehended, who bringing out her Husband, he alledged he had them of one *French*, who was hang'd the last Sessions, but there being farther Testimony given against him, by one *Hix*, that had been formerly of the same Gang, that he had been in his Company in several Robberies, at the Robbing

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ſeveral Carriers near *Barnet* of ſeveral parcels of goods and moneys and what was more, that they once cheated him of his Snack and therefore left their Company, and had ſince impeached many of the Gang, for theſe Enormities, he received Sentence of Death, his Behaviour was reſolute, little regarding the Admonitions of the Court as to a Preparation to Eternity, nor yet in Priſon, to ſuch as gave him good Inſtructions; But when the fatal moment was at hand, that he unavoidably muſt appear before the dreadful Throne of an Almighty Judg to Anſwer for his Actions here below, his Conſcience was awakened, and he declared a hearty ſorrow for his Sins, caſting up his Eyes and Hands to Heaven and uttering many admoniſhing words, unto the multitude, ſo continuing till he changed for Immortallity.

The next were thoſe notorious cruel Companions in Iniquity, *viz. John Dell* of *Edger*, and *Richard Dean*, they having no leſs than three Indictments laid againſt them, the firſt for Murdering *Dells* Wife, the ſecond for murdering *Daniel Ball* his Father in Law, the third for ſtealing a Mare, but by reaſon there could be nothing proved poſitively againſt them, on the two firſt, they were brought in not Guilty. But to ſee how juſt Heaven is, notwithſtanding they had eſcaped for committing thoſe barbarous crimes, yet both he and his confederate were Condemned for ſtealing a Mare, ſold by *Dean*, and juſtified by *Dell*.

After the fatal ſound of Death had made Impreſſion on their Souls, and their Conſciences awakened from the drowſie Lethergy or ſeared hardneſs that the many dreadful Crimes by them committed had inured them to, and they began to gaze upon a vaſt Eternity and inward feelings of the mighty Guilts, ſeeing themſelves plunged into the depth of Miſery, began moſt ſeriouſly to Repent; they being kept aſſunder that they might the better unburthen their Cenſciences, to thoſe Miniſters that came to exhort them for the good of their immortal Souls, they both ſhewed abundance of ſorrow and contrition for the manifold and grievous Sins they had committed, *Dell* declaring that his crying Sins had provoked the Almighty God to give him over to himſelf, and therefore he had run into ſuch diſtructive ways, for that he had for the moſt part defrauded or cheated whomſoever he had any thing to do withal, the Miniſter deſired him to confeſs if he were conſcious of the horrid Murders he ſtood charged withal, to which he anſwered very doubtfully, ſaying he had many great and grievous Sins, which like lead preſſed down his

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Soul, and ſtepping there let fall ſome Tears, deſiring all to Pray for mercy to his Soul, and farther, that he hoped God would not lay to his Charge the Cruelty he uſed towards his Wife, and in a dubious manner did confeſs the Crime. *Dean* likewiſe was exceeding penitent, ſaying that *Dell* had brought him to this ſhameful End, ſo they continued at the place of Execution, deſiring the Great God of Heaven and Earth, to pardon their great Offences, and that all would take warning by their fatal Ends.

The next was *Francis Adkins*, a notorious Pickpocket, who was commonly uſed to commit that villanous Act in Churches, and other publick reſorts, and when he obſerved the People did not Watch as well as Pray, he would be ſure to dive into their Pockets; But having picked the Pocket of one Mr. *Stephens* of about eight or nine ſhillings in *Bow-Church*, but he was apprehended ere he could diſpoſe of the monies, and ſeveral remarkable pieces found about him, at the ſame time another having his pocket picked of ſix or ſeven ſhillings, who coming in where he found ſome of his monies likewiſe, ſo that in Court it being proved that he had been in *Newgate* ſeveral times, and an old offender, was found Guilty, and received Sentence of Death.

During the reſpit for preparing himſelf for another World he greatly bewailed his miſ-ſpent time, and deſired the Charitable Prayers of all good Chriſtians, and exhorted all to a timely Repentance, and to deſire the Mercy of a never failing God before they came to ſtand upon the Brink of Eternity, *&c.*

The next were *Suſanna White*, and *Deborah Rogers*, for ſtealing a Silver Tankard from one Mr. *Sparkle* of St. *Martins* in the Fields, the former had been a notorious Shoplift, and was thought to bring the latter into this premimire, the Tankard was found in her Basket, the Felony was plain, and they received Sentence, after which, they infinitely bewailed themſelves, deſiring Mercy from above, and Pardon for all their Sins, and ſo they all departed this Life, to Anſwer for their particular Offences, before the Tribunal of the great God.

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